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1. EMBASSY LUSAKA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE SERVICES
OF A SUMMER INTERN IN 1977.

2. THERE ARE TWO PROJECTS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE PURSUED
BY AN INTERN:

(A) A PROJECTION OF ZAMBIA'S RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING
STATES FOLLOWING THE ATTAINMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA. STUDY WOULD INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE
POTENTIAL FOR COOPERATION OR CONFLICT IN THE ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL SPHERES. SPECIFIC POLITICAL ASPECT TO
ADDRESS WOULD BE ZAMBIA'S ACCOMMODATION TO BEING
SURROUNDED BY LEFT-LEARNING NEIGHBORS. COULD ZAMBIA ACT
AS A FORCE FOR MODERATION, OR WOULD PRESSURES FROM
NEIGHBORS FORCE ZAMBIA INTO A MORE RADICAL MOLD? ON
THE ECONOMIC SIDE, STUDY WOULD ASSESS IMPACT ON
ZAMBIA'S ECONOMY OF THE OPENING OF THE BORDER WITH
ZIMBABWE. WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL GAINS FOR ZAMBIA? ARE
THERE RISKS THAT ZAMBIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH MAY BE STUNTED
BY CLOSER TIES WITH RHODESIA AS WAS TRUE DURING THE
CONFEDERATION? WHAT IMPACT WILL BORDER OPENING HAVE
ON RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA?

(B) AN ANALYSIS OF UNIP -- ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES--

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AS IT MOVES TOWARDS ELECTIONS IN 1978. WHAT ARE THE

REGIONAL AND TRIBAL FACTORS WHICH WILL AFFECT UNIP'S
FORTUNES? HOW WILL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ILLEGAL UPP
AND ANC PARTIES MOST LIKELY AFFECT THE ELECTIONS? DOES
TRIBALISM REPRESENT A CHALLENGE TO KAUNDA'S DOMINATION OF
THE PARTY?

3. TO CARRY OUT SUCCESSFULLY THE FIRST OF THE TWO
PROPOSALS, THE INTERN IDEALLY WILL HAVE HAD A STRONG BACK-
GROUND IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND A GOOD GRASP OF ECONOMICS.
FOR BOTH UNDERTAKINGS, PREVIOUS FIELD EXPERIENCE IN
AFRICA PLUS TRAINING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WOULD BE
VALUABLE ASSETS AS WOULD SOME BACKGROUND IN AFRICAN
STUDIES. THERE WOULD BE NO SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS, OTHER
THAN THOSE GIVEN ABOVE, IN CHOOSING AN INTERN FOR
LUSAKA. LOW

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